

I strongly oppose the further weakening of regulations preventing increased media consolidation. The current standards are already too lax and have been accompanied by unprecedented consolidation of media and a concurrent drop in media diversity and quality. Let me also add a comment in direct response to the comments of Mr. Powell to the effect that "You don't govern just by polls and surveys." Public comment is neither a poll nor a survey, it is a vital element of democracy, required by law. And it is apparently critical as the FCC has clearly lost the understanding that their mission is to serve the American public. If the representatives of government choose to treat the voice of its citizens as unimportant, the its citizens will replace these representatives.